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PERSONAL SAFETY

Don't Become A Victim!

Many people cite crime and the fear of crime as a key factor in how they feel about their neighborhood. In fact, criminal victimization in 2004 (most recent year available) was at it's lowest since 1973.

Statistics for murder, sexual assaults, robbery and assaults were highest in the early 1980's, peaking in 1982 at 52.3 victimizations per 1,000 people ages 12 and over. In 2004 this figure dropped to 21.1 per 1,000. Individuals 12 to 24 years of age were still the victims of the most violent crimes (an average of 83.7 per 1,000 people), while those 65 or older were victimized at a much lower rate (9.1 per 1,000 persons). While violent crime was down, crimes that use modern technology increased. One example of these crimes are: identity theft, which cost consumers more than \$5 billion in 2004

Preventing crime is everyone's business – young children, teens, adults, and seniors must all work together to protect themselves, their families, and their neighborhoods.

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From The Desk Of Commander Bill Wilton

After initially focusing on the high accident locations in each beat we focused on many of the smaller streets in each beat. For the next two months we will be focusing on the two most heavily traveled roads in District 3, Scottsdale Road and Pima Road. For the month of August we will focus on Scottsdale Road and in September it will be Pima Road. Since school will be back in session starting this month we will also be focusing on the school zones.

Beat 15 – Scottsdale Road
Beat 16 – Construction zone on Hayden
Beat 17 – 94th st.
Beat 18 – Bell Road
Beat 19 – Scottsdale Road
Beat 20 – Scottsdale Road, Stagecoach Pass

Sincerely,

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Personal Safety Tips

- ❑ Call your local law enforcement for a **FREE** home or business security survey.
- ❑ Make sure you have sturdy metal or solid wood doors at all entrances of your home.
- ❑ Trim the vegetation around your property well enough to allow for “natural surveillance” to occur.
- ❑ Do not give out personal information over the phone, through the mail or over the Internet. Unless you have initiated the contact or know with whom you are dealing. Even then - be careful!
- ❑ If you notice someone following you when driving, head for the nearest busy, brightly lighted area. Write down the license plate number along with the make, model and color of the vehicle. Call 9-1-1 and report the incident ASAP.
- ❑ Always lock your car doors and take your keys when you leave your car, even if you'll be gone for a minute.
- ❑ As you walk down a street or through a parking lot, be aware of your surroundings and walk with a purpose.
- ❑ If you carry a purse, hold it close to your body. If you have a wallet, put it in your front pocket.
- ❑ Don't display your cash or other inviting targets such as cell phones, electronic games or expensive jewelry.

If you are ever confronted in a potentially deadly situation, give up your belongings because they can be replaced. In addition, never go with the attacker to a new destination. Statistics indicate that as time and distance increase, the chances of survival decrease.

New Initiative to Combat Auto Theft

In Arizona, a vehicle theft occurs every 9 minutes and 42 seconds (2004, Az. Automobile Authority). The Arizona Attorney General's Office now provides residents access to a database that checks a VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) or license plate number to determine if a vehicle or plate has been reported stolen to a law enforcement agency in Arizona. Keep your neighborhood safe by helping Valley Police Departments recover stolen vehicles more quickly. If you know or suspect a vehicle to be stolen, visit www.theftaz.azag.gov.

If you have any questions on personal safety or crime prevention please contact me at 480-312-8802 or e-mail me at jglenn@scottsdaleaz.gov

Scottsdale Police Department's Citizens Police Academy

The Scottsdale Police Department is accepting applications for its 31st Citizens Police Academy, set to begin Aug. 31. The academy runs 12 consecutive Thursdays through Nov. 16. Applications and more information are available from Citizen Liaison Officer Chris Vassall at (480) 312-1922.

This is a fantastic opportunity for members of the Scottsdale Community to learn more about what the Scottsdale Police Department is all about. Chris Vassall, a 24-year veteran of the Scottsdale Police Department has a series of instructors set up each week for you to better understand the dynamics of the Scottsdale Police Department. The program is **FREE!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

G.A.I.N. Kick-Off Event

Thursday, September 7th
6:30 – 8:30p.m.

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
At G.A.I.N. Kick-Off, party planners receive the necessary tools to plan successful G.A.I.N. neighborhood block parties. This is a fun evening full of resources, ideas and prizes!
Contact: Carrie Abts 480-312-2342
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The Scottsdale Police Department



Wants You!

The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at www.Scottsdalepd.com or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384 gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov.